

House Resolution 943

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Richardson of the 19th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Porter of the 143rd, Hugley of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Khalil Johnson on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Khalil Johnson has diligently and conscientiously devoted 30 years of
4 superlative service to the Georgia World Congress Center Authority; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson began his career at the Georgia World Congress Center in 1977
6 in the set-up department earning a reputation as the straightest chair setter in the South; and

7 WHEREAS, from 1986 through 1989, Mr. Johnson served as Director of Event Services at
8 the Georgia World Congress Center, and he then became the first General Manager of the
9 Georgia Dome; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Johnson became the first Chief Operating Officer of the Georgia
11 World Congress Center; and

12 WHEREAS, during his years of dedicated service, Mr. Johnson's leadership was vital in the
13 success of such events as the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, two Super Bowls, two
14 NCAA Final Four tournaments, and several NCAA regional basketball tournaments, SEC
15 football championships, and professional football games; and

16 WHEREAS, in March, 2008, when a tornado caused over \$65 million in damages to the city
17 of Atlanta, Mr. Johnson led a team assigned to getting the Georgia World Congress Center
18 Authority facilities up and running and organizing the many repairs needed to reopen; and

19 WHEREAS, that same year, Mr. Johnson oversaw the development of a long-term master
20 plan for the Georgia World Congress Center Authority; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson plans to enjoy his well-deserved retirement spending time with his
22 lovely wife, Donna; his remarkable children, Khalil and Khadijha; and his delightful and
23 joyous grandson, Miles; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's outstanding service epitomizes the customer-focused mission of
25 the Georgia World Congress Center Authority, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
26 the superb accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately
27 recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Mr. Khalil Johnson for his three decades of efficient,
30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him
31 upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their most sincere best wishes
32 for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Khalil Johnson.